

In the second chapter of 2 Thessalonians Paul addresses concerns from those in Thessalonica that the coming of the Lord took place and many were missed. In this section Paul affirms a series of events that must take place first, contradicting the misinformation of what was perceived to have happened.

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## 2:1-12

### The Man of Lawlessness

#### I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

**MY EXPERIENCE...**

**YOUR EXPERIENCE...**

We live in a world of misinformation. If we aren't paying attention, and even when we do, it's easy to be deceived. Knowing the Truth is our only way to combat lies and deception from taking us captive.

#### II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

**DESCRIBE** a time you were deceived in some way, and explain **HOW** you were duped into believing something that was not true.

**HAVE** you ever experienced spiritual deception in some way?

**HOW** have you learned to avoid deception from your own experiences, or the experiences of others?

**WHAT** are some Biblical issues that Christians can be deceived in believing and **HOW** do these things occur?

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### OBSERVATION

What subject does Paul address and what warning does he give in vs. 1-2?

As Paul cautions against being deceived, what sequence of events does he mention must first take place before the coming of the Lord (vs. 3-4)?

What observations are you able to make regarding the man of lawlessness from vs. 6-7?

What does vs. 8 reveal about the eventual outcome of the man of lawlessness?

How does vs. 9-10 describe the coming of the lawless one?

What is the conclusion of those who follow the Truth?

### INTERPRETATION

Why does Paul seem to address the topic at hand (vs. 1-3)?

What seem to be some of the Satan's methods for deception in vs. 1-3? How does Paul's caution here match that of other places in scripture (2 Corinthians 11:4, Galatians 1:8, 1 John 4:1)?

What does vs. 6 mean and who/what is restraining the man of lawlessness?

How will this epic battle between good and evil end (vs. 8)? What lessons can we learn from this ending, and why is the ending so important?

What does vs. 9-10 teach us about Satan?

What is true about those whom God condemns according to vs. 11-12? How can we guard against this same thing happening to us today?

Where does deception begin with every person?

### APPLICATION

How does this passage bring you hope and confidence?